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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as indicated and consider the remarks which follow:

ABSTRACT

Please delete the original abstract and replace it with the abstract near the end of this response.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 37-page 2, line 7

The invention relates to encased monolithic sorbents based on porous mouldings, in particular those which have interconnected macropores and mesopores in the walls of the macropores, where the diameter of the macropores has a median value of greater than $0.1~\mu m$ and where the

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